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FOLLOWING REPEAT USUN 4652 ACTION SECSTATE INFO

LONDON PARIS PRETORIA CAPE TOWN 2 NOVEMBER.

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 4652

CAPETOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: NEXT STEPS ON SOUTH AFRICA

1. WE UNDERSTAND BOTH FRENCH AND UK MISSIONS HERE HAVE
MADE STRONG RECOMMENDATIONS TO CAPITALS THAT THEIR
AMBASSADORS IN SOUTH AFRICA MAKE FIRM DEMARCHE TO
SAG, GENERALLY ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

1) SAG SHOULD NOT TRY TO HIDE BEHIND WESTERN VETOES
AS AN EXCUSE TO DO NOTHING TO MODIFY ITS POLICIES;

2) VETOES SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED OBSCURE STRONG
DENUNCIATION OF APARTHEID AND SAG POLICIES REGARDING
NAMIBIA AND RHODESIA MADE BY FRANCE AND UK IN SC DEBATE

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STATEMENTS;

3) THEREFORE SAG EXPECTED TO TAKE IMMEDIATE AND
MEANINGUFL STEPS TO ALLEVIATE APARTHEID POLICY AND TO BE
MORE FORTHCOMING ON NAMIBIA AND RHODESIA.

2. ACCORDING UKUN, LONDON WAS ALREADY THINKING IN
THESE TERMS AND BOTH FRENCH AND UKUN EXPECT THEIR GOVTS
TO FOLLOW RECOMMENDATIONS IN SOME FORM. REPS HERE,
SPEAKING FOR-THEMSELVES, EXPRESSED HOPE THAT US WOULD BE
PREPARED MAKE SIMILAR DEMARCHE IN SA, ESPECIALLY SINCE
FAILURE TO DO SO WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY DILUTE EFFECTIVENESS
UK AND FRENCH APPROACHES.

3. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NO REASON BELIEVE THAT SAG PERMREP
BOTHA WILL FAIL TO REPORT ACCURATELY AND FULLY ABOUT DEPTH
OF FEELING HERE ABOUT SAG POLICIES, WE SEE CONSIDERABLE
MERIT IN PRESENTING OUR VIEWS DIRECTLY TO SAG. PAST
HISTORY TENDS TO SHOW THAT SENSE OF URGENCY WHICH OFTEN
CHARACTERIZES SA ATTITUDE WHEN IT CONFRONTED WITH SERIOUS
CHALLENGE AT UN TENDS TO DISSIPATE ONCE CHALLENGE RECEDES.

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